THE VISTA OF J. G. B'S.

Will the Presidential Lightning Ever Strike

general disposition to meet the request of the spin-ners and a committee of three was appointed to meet a similar committee of the spinner. When incrytiewed by THE EVENING WORLD cor-respondent after the meeting a prominent manu-facturer said that in all probability an advance would be granted, thereby avoiding a long threat-ened strike.

North Adams Lasters' Strike.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Jan. 18.—The lasters in Sampson's shoe shop here have been ordered out by the Lasters' Protective Union. The firm refused to acopt the lasters' price list. There are 325 employees out of work.

Affairs of Workingmen.

The Gas-Fitters' Union elected officers for its beneficiary fund last night at Stuyvesant Hall.

Walters' Union No. 1 met at Central Labor Union Hall last night and resolved to push the boycott against halls and Milwaukee beer.

Dr. McGlynn and Henry George will speak at the Academy of Music next Suniay on the occasion of Miss Agatha Municr's benefit.

Every poor working girl who can possibly attend the meeting in Ciarendon Hall to-night should do so, and hear what labor reformers have to say about work and wages and the benedits of organi-

GETTING READY FOR 1888.

The Tammany Hall and County Democrac

Machines to Organize To-Night.

The Tammany Hall General Committee for

1888 will organize to-night in the big Wig-

wam. It has more than fifteen hundred members and about four hundred of them





cororld.

The Hawthorne-Byrnes Story,

"SECTION 558."

A MOST INTERESTING DETECTIVE ROMANCE, WILL BE CONTINUED IN

THE SUNDAY WORLD.

ALSO THE AUTOSIGGRAPHICAL SECTIONS OF SING SING PRISONERS.

PRICE ONE CENT.

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LABOR'S STRUGGLE.

No Signs of Settlement on the Reading Road.

Bricklayers Transact Important Business in Boston.

Building Trades in New York, Brooklyn and Hudson County Interested - Delegate Barr's Views-Pall River Spinners May Get an Advance-North Adams Losters Ge Out on Strike-About 325 Employees Out of Work-Affairs of Workingmen.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18 .- Vice-President McLeod, of the Reading Company, returned to the city this morning from Reading. He stated that his visit there was merely to look after the interests of the Reading; that he found everything working satisfactorily except the coal traffic, and that there is no change to-day from yesterday; in fact there is a dearth of strike news, and everything seems to be waiting on the visit which will be paid President Corbin to-morrow morning by the committee from the City Councils and Board of Trade from Reading. At the office of the company it is stated that

At the office of the company it is stated that it is highly improbable that Mr. Corbin will return this week.

The coal traffic along the line of the road is reported nearly paralyzed. Not more than fifty cars are being moved to-day, which is scarcely enough to meet the company's need.

Porrayulla, Jan. 13.—There is no change in the situation. Nothing looking to a settlement has been heard from the company and the strikers are waiting for something to turn up.

The joint committee of miners is now in

The joint committee of miners is now in session, but it is not expected that anything will be done to materially affect the present condition of things.

There is nothing new from the mining regions. The collieries are all idle, except the Suffolk and Henry Clay, where the Reading Company is trying to do a little work with a few hands.

BRICKLAYERS MEET IN EOSTON.

Imperiant Action Affecting the Building Trades of New York. INPECIAL TO THE WORLD.

Boston, Jan. 13.-The Bricklayers' Convention was called to order this morning promptly at 8 o'clock, President Darragh in the chair.

The sub-committee appointed to confer with the delegation representing the great building trades' interests of New York, Brooklyn and Hudson County, New Jersey, reported favorably on the propositions re-

reported favorably on the propositions referred to it for action, and the convention
voted to refer, with its approval, the whole
matter to the local unions of bricklayers and
masons of New York and vicinity for action.
The Becretary submitted a supplemental
report on the proceedings of his office since
the publication of the present report, Dec.
15. up to the present. This was referred to
the Committee on Officers' Reports for action.
Mathew Barr, the chairmian of the visiting
delegation of the building trades representatives from New York City, said yesterday afternoon:

"I am very well pleased with the reception

pointed to consider our proposition. The sub-committee adopted all that we requested and reported favorably on our requests to the

ter, bearing the approval of the convention, as shown by its action on the report of its committee, to the local unions of bricklayers

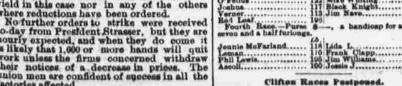
'immediately on our return the delegation will issue a call for a meeting of representatives; from the different building trades' organizthens, and the action of the convention will be laid before them. We leave to-night on the 6 o'clock beat train for New York."

Their Demands Are Granted.

against a reduction of wages.

A member of the Strike Committee said that S. Condit yielded to a demand for a restoration of the old scale of prices after a conference with the committee, and that the thirty-five hands employed in Mr. Condit's factory at Tenth street and Avenue D con-

Spinners Muy Get un Advance. the mills met at the Board of Trade rooms this



Clifton Races Postponed. The races at Clifton were postponed to-day until Monday. Entries to stand.

Gov. Green Better. It is believed that the crisis in the condition of morning to act upon the request of the spinners for Gov. Green, of New Jersey, is past, and that a committee of conference. There seemed to be a will be able to leave his home in a few days.

TRAGEDY IN COURT.

Dutch Fred, the Burglar, Attempts Suicide.

He Cuts His Throat While in the Prisoners' Pen.

He Draws a Razor Across His Neck in Gen eral Sessions in the Presence of Fifteen Fellow-Prisoners-His Wife and Children Near Him at the Time-He was Jus About to be Arraigned for Sentence.

A moment after Recorder Smyth took his seat on the bench in Part III. of General Sessions this morning the sound of a heavy fall was heard in the neighborhood of the prisoners' pen in the rear of the court-room. Cries of "Bring a doctor" were next heard, and Officer Dolan came out of the pen with a blanched face, saying; "A man has cut his throat! Send for an ambulance." It turned out that a notorious burglar, highwayman and pickpocket named George Harrison, alias Fred Bennett, alias Frank Belmopt, alias Dutch Fred, had taken a razor from his pocket and deliberately cut his throat from ear to ear in the presence of some fifteen or twenty of his fellow-prisoners.

A colored man named George Burton saw Harrison take out the razor and tried to stay his hand, but Harrison was too quick, and his life-blood spurted all over Barton's face.

The would-be suicide's wife and two children were in the court-room, and when the tidings reached them their cries of grief added to the confusion. An ambulance came promptly, however, and took the intended suicide to the Chambers Street Hospital, the woman and her children following in its wake. heard, and Officer Dolan came out of the

in its wake.

Harrison, or Dutch Fred, is well known to
the police of this and other cities. He has
served two terms in the penitentiary and
one in Sing Sing, and two years ago made
a noted escape from the Long Island City
Jail. His picture is No. 81 in the Rogues'
Galleria.

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His crime was a burglarious assault upon Edward Kling, a saloon-keeper at 212 Broome street on Dec. 14, 1886.

Harrison, in company with a crook named Edward Riley and another, hid in a closet in the saloon until 2 o'clock in the morning, when Kling was on his way to his bedroom with the cash taken over the counter during the day.

Cards are out for a complimentary benefit to Everett Giackin, ex-President of Typographical Union No. 6, at Ariington Hall, on Feb. 4.

The silk weavers' local assembly, one of the largest in the city, comprising a memberahip of more than seven hundred men and women, has withdrawn from the Knights of Labor.

Every noor working citi was can accept the complete of t with the cash taken over the counter during the day.

They fell upon Kling in the hallway, when Harrison knocked him down and the others ran away with the money.

Riley was arrested two blocks away by Officer Kellaher, and was recently convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in State prison. If Harrison had been arraigned to-day he would probably have got twenty years, though his counsel, ex-Assemblyman Robert A. Livingston, intended to move for a new trial on the ground of mistaken identity.

Assemblyman Livingston says that Harrison has a "double" named Lennaman, almost exactly like him in face and figure, who was with the prisoner Harrison at the time the latter was arrested in 65 Norfolk street. The Wendeil Phillips Association, an organisation.

The Wendeil Phillips Association, an organisation of workers, meets regularly every week at 32 Columbia attrect for the purpose of holding debates on currout questions. The next subject to be discoused is "Should Emigration be Restricted?" W. Grossman, William Schneider and Fred Phipps will take part in the debate.

Thirty-five organizations of 'longshoremen, at various ocean and lake and river ports, have not hed Secretary McGrath that they will send delegates to the convention which is to meet in this city March 1 for the purpose of organizing a National District Assembly. A circular letter has been addressed to all the 'longshoremen's unions in this city and vicinity, calling on them to aid in the movement.

street.

Mr. Livingston also claims that Lennaman and not Harrison was the manactually indentified by Kling as his assailant.

Harrison lived with his wife and family at 192 Second street. 192 Second street.
The doctors at the hospital say he may re-

cover.

Harrison had been confined in the Tombs for the past three weeks, and his cell and person were searched last Monday. It is supposed he got the razor from some one in the court-room.

INSPECTOR BYRNES'S LOST SECRET.

Blaming Mr. Abbey for Disclosing the Sup posed Mexican Swindler's Arrest.

If Inspector Byrnes has Charles Bourton in custody on a charge of swindling the Mexicans out of \$20,000 by representing himself as Abbey's agent for the Patti concerts he will not admit it. "I have nothing to say on the subject one way or another," he remarked to an Evening

way or another," he remarked to an Evening World reporter to-day. "Two men representing Henry E. Abbey called upon me last night concerning the fellow who falsely represented himself to be a brother of Marcus Mayer, and I told them that I would keep my end of the case and advised secrecy for the present. I said nothing about the case and it looks as though Mr. Abbey had told some reporters about it."

"If Bourton is a prisoner he will not have to be taken to court?" was asked.

"Well, that depends," returned the Inspector. "He may have been there and remanded, and it may not be necessary to take him there."

manded, and it had him there."

Mr. Marx, Henry E. Abby's associate, called at Police Headquarters this morning and fully identified Bourton as the swindler.

MRS. BURRALL'S HOTEL BILL.

Judgment Against Her for the Board Her Son, Vulet, Maid and Pug Dog.

Octavins B. Libbey, proprietor of the Brevoort House, recovered judgment for \$2,479 against Mrs. Frederick Foster Burrall for board at the hotel in 1886, to-day in the Su-

board at the hotel in 1886, to-day in the Su-preme Court.

Mrs. Burrall, who is a New Yorker, had been living in England for some time prior to her arrival at the hotel, accompanied by her son, his valet, her maid and a pug dog. She paid promptly at first, and the cashier received from her \$5,895 for nine months. Then her money gave out.

No one appearing for Mrs. Burrall to-day judgment was taken sgainst her by default.

Gen. Terry's Eyes on Florida.

confined to his comfortable quarters at the Grand Hotel, is much improved in health. The General has not been seriously ill, but being threatened with racematic gout, he took his doctor's advice and has kept indoors for some little time. He will probably leave for St. Augustine, Fis., early next week.

Here is a Westchester County Rumor. It is rumored in Westchester County that ex-State Senator Henry C. Nelson, of Sing Sing, has been promised the appointment of Agent and Warden of the Sing Sing Prison in consideration of his withdrawal from the Senatorial contest at the last election in favos of his Democratic friend, William Ryan, who was defeated by ex-Collector W. H. Hobertson.

Triplets, All Boys, Born to Mary Peterson. [SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]
MINNEAPOLIS, Jan, 18.—Mary Peterson, a young Swede domestic, his given birth to triplets. They are all boys, weighing five pounds each, as alike a three copper cents and al' doing well.

Every scholar in the public schools, and every parent of a scholar, will be interested in the Roll of Honor to be published in to-morrow's EvenDAN DRISCOLL'S LAST CHANCE.

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1888.

Crowd in Court Startled by a Repor The great crowd of people who had

gathered in Part III of the Court of General Sessions, to listen to the argument for a new trial for Dan Driscoll, was startled shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, by a rumor that the Whyo murderer had been able to procure a razor and had cut his throat in the risoners' box. It was soon learned that the would-be suicide was a highwayman awaiting sentence, while the slayer of Beezie Garrity

was safely locked in his cell at the Tombs and the disturbance abated.

The long daily calendar of the court was gone through, and it was 12 o'clock when Counsellor Howe began the last plea which which can be made in an earthly court for Driscoll.

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Mr. Howe commenced deliberately to state the object of his motion, and said:

"In making this motion before Your Honor a long presentation of facts will be unnecessary as you presided at the trial and will recall all of the facts of the case. So remembering you will agree that the case went to the jury on the evidence of Carrie Wilson and McCarthy.

"You will also remember that we charged McCarthy with the murder, and that the dying woman stated that McCarthy fired the shot which killed her. It is true she afterwards stated that Driscoll did the shooting.

"Carrie Wilson stated that she was at the house 163 Hester street at 3,45 o'clock on the morning of the shooting and that she saw Driscoll shoot at McCarthy and kill the Garrity woman."

Mr. Howe then went on to show the im-

house 163 Hester street at 3.45 o'clock on the morning of the shooting and that she saw Driscoil shoot at McCarthy and kill the Garrity woman."

Mr. Howe then went on to show the improbability of the Wilson girl's testimony when she said she left the scene quietly, saw several policemen and talked with a woman at her home in Chrystie street and yet said nothing about a murder till she told the story that night to Police Captain Meakim.

About five wees ago, Mr. Howe said, Driscoil's wife came to his office and told him that Carrie Wilson had admitted in the Tombs and at other places that she did not see the shooting and had committed perjury.

With Carrie Wilson's testimony eliminated from the case, he contended, no jury would convict Driscoil on the evidence of McCarthy alone, who was himself charged with and arrested for the murder.

He read the affidavits, the first being by himself, reciting the history of the cases.

The second, by Driscoil, recites a confession to him in the Tombs by the Wilson girl that she had sworn falsely against him.

Mrs. Driscoil's affidavit was to the effect that a certain Nellie Creeley, of 3225/ Harrison street, of Boston, told her last November that Carrie Wilson said then that she had perjured herself: that she was promised \$150 by McCarthy's friend, Ryan, to testify as she did, but had not got the money.

Nellie Creeley's affidavit is corroborative of that of Mrs. Driscoil.

Ex.Keeper Patriok Foster, of the Tombs, corroborated both Driscoil and his wife.

Lawyer Howe concluded his argument with the reading of an affidavit of Margaret Gubbins, to the effect that on the morning of the murder Carrie Wilson was at her house, 42 Oliver street, until 6 o'clock.

Col. Fellows, in opposition, contended that the probability of Carrie Wilson, contended that the probability of Carrie Wilson, denying all of the statements of Driscoil, his wife and ex-Keeper Foster, was then read.

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Of Foster's character, Col. Fellows re-marked, little should be said, as he is at pres-ent resting under the imputation of a crimi-

ent resting under the imputation of a criminal indictment.

The little Colonel then sarcastically referred to the fact that Driscoll's attorneys were not informed of these facts with reference to the Wilson girl's testimony until five weeks ago, although their client and his wife knew of it in November, 1886.

"It leads to but one conclusion," he said, "that Driscoll's desperate condition has led him to the furnishing of information which is false on which his lawyers acted."

Col. Fellows thought that there was an air of improbability in the case himself, but what to him was improbable was the statement that Carrie Wilson had been bribed to testify against Driscoll, inasmuch as she was taken to the House of Detention, after she had told agains: Driscoil, masmuch as snewas taken to the House of Detention, after she had told Capt. Meakim her story on the night of the murder.

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As a last proposition the statement was made that there was ample evidence without the testimony of Carrie Wilson.

Recorder Smyth took the papers and reserved his decision.

To an Evening World reporter he said that he would try to dispose of the case as soon as possible—probably early next week.

Asked if he thought Mr. Howe would not like it to be decided very soon so that he might appeal should the decision be adverse to his client, the Recorder said:

"I don't know whether he will appeal or not. I wish I had the final decision of the case."

This was said with an air that boded ill for Driscoll.

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Munkaesy's Latest Work.

"The Last Days of Mozart," the fine painting by Munkacsy, owned by Gen. Russell A. Alger, ex-Governor of Michigan, will be exhibited, com-mencing to-morrow. (Sunday), in the art gallery of the Twenty-third Street Tabernacle. The re-ligious painting, "Carist on Caivary," by the same artist, will keld its place in the main half. There will be no increase in the rate of admission, and privilege lickets will be received as usual.

TOM PLATT BEATEN

His Residence Was Not in the City of New York.

Gov. Hill Sustained by the Jury's Verdict.

Not Eligible to the Office of Quarantine Commissioner.

The Boss Will Take the Case to the Court of Apoeals.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.) ALBANY, Jan. 18, - Judge Mayham's court room was jammed this morning in anticipaion of a verdict in the Platt case.

The jury, which had been locked up all night, filed into the Supreme Court Chamber about 10 o'clock. Each member of it looked as if he had enjoyed very little sleep.

A hush pervaded the crowd of spectators a the Court, in response to an inquiry as to whether a verdict had been agreed upon, was handed a large envelope. The clerk read its contents.

It declared that it was the unanimous decision of the jurors that at the time Mr. Platt was appointed Quarantine Commissioner, Jan. 9, 1880, he had no legal residence and domicile in the Metropolitan Police District therefore he was not only ineligible to the office, but has held it illegally for eight years.

Mr. Moak, realizing that this meant nothing more nor less than that Platt was no longer a member of the Board of Quarantine Commissioners, immediately moved for a new trial.

The Court denied the motion The case will now be taken to the Court of Appeals.

Boss Platt was not in Court at the time the inry rendered its decision. Frank H. Platt, his son and bondsman

was present, however, and received the announcement with little apparent astonish-"It's no more than I anticipated," said

young Platt to THE WORLD correspondent, with such a Judge and such a jury." Immediately upon adjournment of the case ex-Attorney-General O'Brien and Judge

Countryman drew up a judgment which declares that Thomas C. Platt is no longer Quarantine Commissioner. The office is therefore vacant and the Governor is at liberty to name Platt's successor stany time. Commissioner Nichols's case has gone over

for the term. The charge against him is that he failed to file his oath of office at the time the law directs.

This is a copy of the pretty gift which the boss will receive within a day or two:
SUPREME COURT, ALEANY COUNTY.

The People of the State of New York vs. Thomas C. Platt: This action having been brought by the Attorney-

General in the name of the people of the State of New York for the purpose of procuring a judgment declaring and adjudging the defendant to be guilty of usurping, intruding into and unlawfully holding and exercising a public office in this State, to-wit: appear more fully by the pleadings in this action hereto attached, and the issues joined in the action having been brought to trial at a circuit appointed to be held in and for the county of Albany, on Jan. 9, 1888, before Hon. Stephen L. Mayham Presiding Justice, and a jury, and the jury having found by their verdict that the defendant at the time of his appointment was not a resident of the Metropolitan Police District, as required by law, and having found generally a verdict for the plaintiff on all the case, now, on motion of Charles F. Tabor, esq., Attorney-General of the State o

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and determined that the defendant never was legally appointed to the said office of Quarantine Commissioner, and never had any legal title thereto or right to hold ing, intruding into and unlawfully nolding and ex-ercising a public office within this State, to wit: the office of Quarantine Commissioner; and is hereby adjudged that the said defendant be, and he hereby is, ousted and excluded from said office, and the plaintiff recover from the defendant the costs of this action, to be hereafter taxed and adjusted by the Clerk of the county of Albany. JOHN H. MOORE, Clerk.

There was gloom in the office of the Quarantine Commissioners this morning. Quarantine Commissioners this morning, and any one with news fr m Albany in regard to the legal position of Commissioner Platt in the Board was hailed with delight. The Commissioner remained at his desk in the office of the United States Express Company during the morning. An Evening World reporter brought him the first intimation of the adverse action of the jury.

He was too busy to read the story in the extra edition of The Evening World, the only paper on the street with the news, but said that while he had not yet heard what the result of the trial was he was not at all sur-

said that while he had not yet heard what the result of the trial was he was not at all surprised that it was unfavorable to him.

"In the first place," he said, "everything was against me from the first. The Judge even was unfair; his rulings were unfavorable to me, and as for the jury, it was hardly as intelligent a body of men as one would like to have sit in judgment on any hatter of importance. Why one member did not even know who the President of the United States was. "Still, the whole thing was done for polit-"We thought so," was all the comment made at the office of the Commission when they read The Evening World. The re-maining members of the commission were late getting downtown to-day and could not

Lucretia Peck's Murderer Hanged. WEST UNION, In. Jan. 13. -Henry Schmidt, the young Bavarian who killed Lucretia Peek on the

night of Sept. 4. 1886, was hanged here this morn-Syriaus to be Sent Back. The forty-seven Syrian peddlers who reached here several weeks ago must go back to their native heath, they having been declared jumpers by Collector Magons. Their passages have been engaged on board the Leerdam, which sails to-morrow.

BOSS PLATT BOUNCED. The Law's Club at Last Reaches the Quar antine Usurper.

DESPERATE PRIZE-FIGHT.

The Terror of Washington Market Meet the Fat Man of Jersey City.

"Chicago Billy " Edwards, who has long posed as a pugilistic terror among the resaurant waiters near Washington Market, and Ed. Nugent, of Jersey City, met in a lancing hall in Bergen County, N. J., at 1.30 elock this morning, to fight to a finish with light gloves for a purse of \$50, which sixty sporting men had contributed for the occa-

sion.
"Chicago Billy" weighed in at 128 pounds.
Bob Smith was his second. Nugent was a
short, fat man of 180 pounds weight. William Foley, of Jersey City, looked after his

iam Foley, of Jersey City, looked after his interests.

In the first round both men struck viciously at the empty air, but did not come near enough to strike each other. When time was called not a blow had been struck.

During the second round the Washington Market "Terror" and "the Fat Man from Jersey" slugged the empty air with great fierceness. No blows were struck. The sixty sporting men got mad and said things of a disrespectful nature.

In the third round the Terror touched the Fat Man's stomach and nearly ended the fight. The sports laughed.

When the fourth round was called the Fat Man made a speech. He said that he was sick, but that to please the crowd he would fight one round more. The crowd howled. Then the gladiators got near enough to tap each other gently about the face and ribs. The Fat Man was so surprised at his own prowess that he lost one of his gloves.

This ended the fight. The referee threw the \$50 purse into the middle of the room with the remark that the whole thing was a "akin," and started back to New York.

TRICKY JERSEY CITY POLITICIANS. Hot Fight for Control of the Deme County Committee. A hot fight is expected when the Demo

cratic County Committee of Hudson County meets at Roche's Hall, Jersey City, this evening to elect a chairman. The rival candidates are Alderman P. H. O'Neill and M. J. O'Donare Alderman P. H. O'Neill and M. J. O'Donnell, the present chairman.

This morning Mr. O'Donnell discovered
that his opponent had issued a call to his
men to assemble at 7 o'clock instead of 8.

President Davis, of the Police Board, an
O'Neill man, has ordered a squad of policemen, picked from a batch of his own recenappointees, to report to Alderman O'Neill for
orders at 7 o'clock.

The O'Donnell men are now rushing about

the city in coaches, and promise to have forty of their committeemen on hand an hour ear-lier, too.

ONLY THE EDGE OF A STORM.

The Streets Might Be Worse Off Had the

Full Stock of Weather Got Here. The man who knows all about the future weather, stationed on top of the Equitable

weather, stationed on top of the Equitable
Building, predicts warmer and rainy weather,
followed by clearing weather and lower temperature within the next twenty-four hours
in this city.

The snow that began to fall about 1.30
o'clock this morning was the edge of a storm
that had been raging throughout the lower
lake region the past twenty-four hours. It
had shifted to the New England States, where
it is now snowing heavily.

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A rise from 26 to 35 above in the temperature at New York City is the cause of the transformation from beautiful snow to disagreeable rain and slushy streets. At Helena, Mont., the temperature was 30 degrees below

Trains on all the railroads entering this city were delayed by the storm. At the post-office most of the incoming mails were late.

That Northwestern Blizzard. CHICAGO, Jan. 18. -- Trains between this city and points in the Northwest are greatly delayed on account of the severe blizzard. The storm is the most severe that has visited the West in several

Throughout Dakota the driving snow is mingled Throughout Dakota the driving snow is mingled with sand, making it dangerous to venture out of doors. A school-teacher dismissed her school in Huron, Dak., at noon yesterday, and the little scholars were only recovered by great efforts.

Citizens with long ropes, stretched from hand to hand, managed to round all the children un, except a ten-year-old child, who cannot be found. The mercury at Pargo stood at 47 degrees below zero, with a huaricon blowing. The thermometer at some points in Dakota marked as low as 55 degrees below zero.

A Blinding Gale Off Cape Cod. PROVINCETOWN, Jail 13.—The entire coast of Cape Cod is being swept by a blinding snowstorm, Shipping will lare hard. The air is thick with

> WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. -Weather indications for



For Connections and warmer, followed by cuider weather; ratin or snow, followed by fair weather; brisk to high winds, diminishing in force, becoming northwest-

A Free Dinner to the Poor. Mrs. J. M. Lamadrid will give a free dinner to the poor next Sunday, in observance of the first birthday of the St. Andrew's one-cent coffee stands, at 126 Madison avenue.

Caw's "Dushaway" Pen. A double-feed fountain pen that never fails. Caw's Ink and Pen Co., 189 Broadway, opposite John st.

IKE VAIL,

The King of Confidence Men. POLICE CAPT. GASTLIN.

> Of Pier A Station. PART I.

(WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR "THE EVENING WORLD.") HAVE not had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Isaac Vail for some time. The last occasion was when that genteel young man had just

oft Sing Sing after one

year and a half there, or which he had to thank me. He did thank me when he got sentenced. CAPT. GASTLIN. He thought he was sharp enough to keep out of my clutches, and he cluded them for some time. It was long enough to make it seem pretty good to me to drop on him, and if he

didn't enjoy it I did. There is no telling when I shall have the pleasure of meeting with him again, for I have not heard of his "getting in" any of his special work, and he may have dropped it or taken himself elsewhere to get it in better. Times are quieter now along the river front than they were. West street used to be a terror to any respectable man who chanced to walk along its disreputable sidewalk late at night or in the early morning. It swarmed with wharf-rats, thieves, cutthroats and all the confraternity of rogues that do business along the North River.

There were plenty of them. But they have been pretty thoroughly squelched, and some of the sharpest operators in illegitimate lines of work have actually been forced into nonest employment to make their living.

During the day time the confidence men used to work their little pocketbook-dropping game. This is a small business, but it would surprise the community to know how many respectable seeming men would let themselves be inveigled into giving two thieves \$10 or \$15 for a fat pocketbook, which seems wadded with bills, and which the sharps make the victim believe they thought he had dropped. Of course, an honest man wouldn't take it, unless with the idea that he could restore it to the owner, and usually a man doesn't want to go to that trouble. But there were plenty of men who, when they saw a chance to get a pocketbook stuffed with money simply by paying a tendollar bill for it, felt as if they might as well have the "boodle" as some less deserving



LOOKED AS INNOCENT AS A DOVE. chaps, and jumped at it. They didn't feel so comfortable when they would get off a few squares and open the thing only to find two or three wads of cheap brown wrappingpaper and some broken glass in it, and not a

That game is played out and the confidence men are lying very low, too. But sometimes a pretty interesting specimen of humanity used to show up in the person of a fly operator at the confidence game. It is surprising how many people got beaten with this old "chestnut" in the line of fraud. Sometimes I would ask them: "Why, baven't you read about this thing being played on greenhorns?"

They would say: "Yes. I ought to have known better, and I deserve to lose the money; but the fellow was so plausible and such a respectable seeming man that I never suspected him."

That is just it. Most people are built so that they don't suspect everybody and everything, and though their case being so like others they have read about ought to put them on their guard, it doesn't one-quarter as often as anybody would think.

I had the satisfaction of bagging the best of these fellows. His name was Isaac Vail, and he was called the "King of the Confidence Men." I dropped on him and had him sent up the first time he was ever run in.

He was a fine-looking fellow and belonged to a respectable family He was the black sheep of the flock. He was black enough to shade the largest kind of a family. It was pretty hard to catch him. He was as

alippery as an eel. Once that I had enough to pull him up for I brought him here to the station and held him till I had got my men together.

"Boys," said I, "all you need to do

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